Financial assistance for IDSMTP by British Government

1720. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleaed to state:

(a) whether British Government has expressed its willingness to provide Rs. 1.5 crore as financial assistance for India's Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Pogramme (IDSMTP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much amount of assistance has been given by the British Government during the last five years under the scheme;

(d) whether all the assistance given by the British Government has been utilised; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) The IDSMT Programme is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Government of India. There is no external assistance for the implementation of this programme. The British Government does not provide any financial assistance for this programme.

However, the Overseas Development Administration (UK) has agreed to support Urban Management Development Programme by providing Dollar 2,77,774 from Technical Cooperation Funds, for training purposes in the sector. Under Urban Management Development Programme among other things a team of Urban Management trainers has been trained, who will train, initially. Government officials involved with the IDSMT Programme. The assistance is in the form of providing training in management of urban development developing documentation centres etc. to begin with. The items for training are to be decided after a review.

Maintenance of Government quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R. K. Puram

1721. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance and upkeep of Governmen quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R.K. Puram, New Delhi is not up to the mark; if so, the reason therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that damage in quarters and buildings have not been repaired for years together;

(c) whether CPWD authorities received complaints during the last 14 months about non-repair of damage in Kitchens and Varandas in A to E blocks in Kidwai Nagar especially in B Block and the same have not been attended to so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/being taken in the matter;

(e) whether Government are aware that building material meant for maintenance is being drained out for private construction; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to investigate the matter and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. K. THUNGON) (a) The day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of Government quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R.K. Puram, New Delhi is being carried out by CPWD regularv and is upto the mark as per prescribed norms.